

- 1 56. The method of claim 51 further comprising searching the  
2 information in the hierarchical database at the course  
3 level.
- 1 57. The method of claim 52 further comprising searching the  
2 information in the hierarchical database at the series  
3 level.
- 1 58. The method of claim 53 further comprising previewing the  
2 information identified as a result of the search.
- 1 59. The method of claim 53 further comprising building content  
2 from information retrieved from the object level of the  
3 hierarchical database.
- 1 60. The method of claim 54 further comprising building content  
2 from information retrieved from the concept level of the  
3 hierarchical database.
- 1 61. The method of claim 55 further comprising building content  
2 from information retrieved from the topic level of the  
3 hierarchical database.
- 1 62. The method of claim 56 further comprising building content  
2 from information retrieved from the course level of the  
3 hierarchical database.

- 1 63. The method of claim 57 further comprising building content  
2 from information retrieved from the series level of the  
3 hierarchical database.
- 1 64. The method of claim 48 further comprising classifying  
2 information contained in the hierarchical database as part  
3 of an object or larger unit of information.
- 1 65. The method of claim 48 further comprising classifying  
2 objects in various types and searching the objects by type.
- 1 66. The method of claim 47 further comprising performing  
2 administrative functions.
- 1 67. The method of claim 66 wherein the administrative functions  
2 include adding a new user.
- 1 68. The method of claim 66 wherein the administrative functions  
2 include monitoring workflow.
- 1 69. The method of claim 47 wherein the method is used for the  
2 delivery of on-line courses.
- 1 70. Computer executable software code stored on a computer  
2 readable medium, the code for delivery of on-line content,  
3 comprising:  
4 code to receive information for inclusion in a

5 hierarchical database;

6 code to search information contained in the

7 hierarchical database at multiple levels in the

8 hierarchical database;

9 code to retrieve information contained in the

10 hierarchical database identified as a result of a search;

11 and

12 code to build content from information received for

13 inclusion in hierarchical database and from information

14 retrieved from the hierarchical database.

71. The code of claim 70 wherein the hierarchical database includes objects, which represent units of information contained in the hierarchical database, and at least one larger unit of information, which represents a grouping of objects.

1 72. The code of claim 71 wherein the larger unit of information  
2 represents a concept.

1 73. The code of claim 71 wherein the larger unit of information  
2 represents a topic.

1 74. The code of claim 71 wherein the larger unit of information  
2 represents a course.